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August 30, 1995

Thomas Serfass, Curator
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Dear Thomas,

I enjoyed meeting you at the ANA Convention in Anaheim in front of Remy Bourne's table and display. I also appreciate you introducing me to Eric Newman.

As we discussed, I am a specialist collector of the Early Dollars, 1794-1804. In particular I am researching some of the famous Early Dollar Collections, especially difficult if the coins were not auctioned and if they were auctioned but not plated. My specific interest is the Colonel Green Early Dollar Collection and the notes Eric stated he had on this collection. As best I can determine many went to Gettys and Bolender. But I believe there were many more.

I would appreciate finding out more about what information might be available on the Col. Green Collection. Are there pedigrees, plates/photos and notes on who purchased them from B.G. Johnson? Any notes on condition or descriptions?

I have been searching for information for a couple of years now. I am excited at what might be available to further my efforts.

I look forward to hearing from you or Eric. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Dave

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Nice guy, see JRS for dollar article.

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September 12, 1995

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Your letter of August 30, 1995 indicates you are interested in early U.S. Dollars (1794-1804).

I believe you may be familiar with the fact that Jack Collins has completed a study of 1794 dollars.

When you include 1804 dollars in your field of interest I wonder if you have read my restatement of their origin in the American Numismatic Society Coinage of the Americas Conference for 1993 which was just published this summer. It is short and I would appreciate any comments or challenges.

Your query about the Green collection of early dollars is natural. We have the inventory and there are no pictures. Johnson listed die varieties and condition only. We have all of Johnson's invoices for about 6 or 7 years when these were sent out on approval or sold and everything is included along with the dollars. The invoices are very frail and very extensive. They are not sent out to anyone but have on occasion been examined in part by scholars here.

For my own collection I selected some choice pieces from the group, a few of which are illustrated in Bowers' publication.

You should have known Ostheimer. He would have enjoyed slitting my throat for exposing his 1804 and 1805 dollar alterations. Bollender was an interesting dealer devoted to variety research. I catalogued the St. Oswald dollars because I was in England at the time. So you see I like dollars along with everything else in numismatics.

I hope I have been helpful and am glad to hear from a collector-researcher.

My good friend was Marlin Perkins of animal fame. Is he a relative of yours?

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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March 4, 1998

Dear Dave:

It was interesting to receive your February 27, 1998 letter.

I hope your class at the ANA Summer Conference attracts ~~enough~~ *lots of interest* students. You have two fine companions to lead it. I am told that the American Colonial course I share in teaching is already at capacity.

I have not the slightest notion who owns the 1804 and 1805 dollar alterations. Perhaps ANS might give you exhibitors' names. Superior would probably know.

Close up I f you want to exhibit junk I have the 1804 Half Dollar alteration which Mehl pronounced genuine.

Keep up with your writing projects.

his As to the 1795 dollar B-21, BB 22 which B.G. Johnson classified it was acquired about 1942-3 from the E.H.R. Green collection and was in Johnson's inventory at his death and went to ~~his~~ heir, Mary Cowan Cruzan. When she died it was auctioned at Spinks.

I hope I have been helpful.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman